



Ohio's Major State-Funded Scrap Tire Cleanups Through July 2006

1. Kirby Scrap Tire Site, Wyandot County. This was an active scrap tire storage site with very limited recycling when the scrap tire laws and regulations were adopted. When the site failed to comply with the laws and regulations, Ohio EPA and the Ohio Attorney General's Office (AGO) obtained court orders attempting to bring them into compliance. When they failed to comply with those court orders, Ohio EPA and the AGO obtained a court order from the Wyandot County Court of Common Pleas to shut down Kirby Tire. The cleanup has been ongoing since July 1999 with Ohio's largest scrap tire fire occurring at the site in August 1999. More than 19 million scrap tires have been removed from the site as of June 2006. Removal of buried scrap tire fire residuals (melted tires and contaminated soil) has started.

2. ReGenesis Scrap Tire Site, Summit County. This was the first state-funded scrap tire cleanup due to its size, location and the priorities established by law in Ohio Revised Code 3734.85. Between September 1997 and June 1999, more than four million scrap tires were removed from this site. This failed tire pyrolysis venture had two major fires in the 1980s. After each fire, the owners brought in more scrap tires. The city of Barberton and its fire department was successful in obtaining a court order to shut down the site. The company and its owners had all filed for bankruptcy before the state-funded cleanup was initiated.

3. Warsing Scrap Tire Site, Coshocton County. This scrap tire storage site was in existence before the scrap tire laws and regulations were adopted. A new owner purchased the site in the mid-1990s and began bringing in large numbers of scrap tires. Ohio EPA and the AGO initiated enforcement and court actions to bring the site into compliance. When the owner failed to comply with the orders of the Coshocton County Court of Common Pleas, the court ordered the site closed and Ohio EPA initiated the cleanup of more than two million scrap tires between October 1998 and May 1999.

4. McMasters Scrap Tire Site, Portage County. This scrap tire storage site was abandoned in the 1980s. Cleanup was initiated in November 2003 and by June 2004 more than one million scrap tires had been removed from this site. This site is requiring continuing attention because the scrap tires were placed in a flooded strip mine pit. Annual visits to this site are planned to remove additional scrap tires as they float to the surface or become visible in the water.

5. Parker Scrap Tire Site, Summit County. This scrap tire storage site remained active until 2005 under a Summit County Health Department drawdown plan to bring the site in compliance. When the owner failed to comply with the drawdown plan, Ohio EPA initiated the cleanup of almost 1 million scrap tires from this site between May 2005 and August 2005. Two major scrap tire fires had occurred at this site in the 1980s and the tire storage piles had been rebuilt on the ashes of the scrap tire fires.

6. Seelig Scrap Tire Site, Clark County. This scrap tire storage site had not been active since the 1980s. When the owner failed to comply with Ohio EPA orders to clean up the site, Ohio EPA removed 860,346 scrap tires from this site between February and July 1998. The scrap tires were located on the bank of the Mad River and scrap tires were washed down stream with every high water event.

7. Vasi Scrap Tire Site, Lorain County. This active scrap tire storage site failed to comply with a drawdown plan while the site owners were registered as scrap tire transporters and operators of a scrap tire mobile recovery facility. Both registrations were revoked by the Ohio EPA for failure to comply with scrap tire regulations. The owners were also convicted on criminal charges for continuing to operate a scrap tire facility without a license. Ohio EPA removed 574,232 scrap tires from the site between November 2002 and March 2003.

8. Kays Scrap Tire Site, Portage County. This scrap tire site had not been active since the 1980s. Ohio EPA removed 559,376 scrap tires from this site between May and August 2002.

9. Carbon Oil and Gas Company Scrap Tire Site, Mahoning County. This failed pyrolysis venture had abandoned more than half a million scrap tires at the CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation following a fire in its scrap tire storage. The company and its owners had filed for bankruptcy before the state initiated the scrap tire cleanup program. The cleanup was initiated in January 1999 and completed in May 1999.

10. Rader Scrap Tire Site, Morrow County. This scrap tire recycling site had not been active since the 1980s. The cleanup of 504,631 scrap tires occurred between January and March 2005.

11. Timco Scrap Tire Site, Harrison County. This scrap tire recycling site had failed in the early 1990s and was inactive at the time the cleanup was initiated. Between March and September 2002, almost half a million scrap tires (484,309) were removed from this site.

SUMMARY: The Kirby cleanup of over 19 million scrap tires represents almost 60% of the total state funded cleanups of 32 million scrap tires. As shown below, individual piles at the Kirby site were as large or larger than the next ten sites cleaned up in the rest of Ohio.

Number of passenger tire equivalents removed (1 PTE = 20 pounds of tire material)	
10 Largest Kirby Piles	10 Other Scrap Tire Sites in Ohio
3,950,879 PTEs	4,031,106 PTEs - Summit County
3,636,700 PTEs	2,173,242 PTEs - Coshocton County
1,922,823 PTEs	1,071,124 PTEs - Portage County
1,327,637 PTEs	964,399 PTEs - Summit County
976,740 PTEs	860,346 PTEs - Clark County
781,121 PTEs	574,232 PTEs - Lorain County
756,138 PTEs	559,376 PTEs - Portage County
568,023 PTEs	530,476 PTEs - Mahoning County
553,631 PTEs	504,291 PTEs - Morrow County
523,439 PTEs	484,309 PTEs - Harrison County

Additional State Funded Cleanups

12. Willis Scrap Tire Site, Lawrence County, 125,591 PTEs, September to October 1998.
13. Adriatic Recycling, Mahoning County, 176,410 PTEs, July to September 2004.
14. Benedict-Woosley, Morrow County, 147,402 PTEs, September to November 2004.
15. Harr Tire Fire Site, Scioto County, buried fire residuals, September to December 2004.
16. Keller Scrap Tire Site, Auglaize County, 99,333 PTEs, September - November 2005.

17. West Scrap Tire Site, Perry County, 215,870 PTEs, September to November 2005.
18. Spring Grove, Columbiana County, 28,995 PTEs, September to December 2005.
19. Monroe Fair Grounds, Monroe County, 19,516 PTEs, November 2005.
20. Metzler Scrap Tire Site, Guernsey County, 9,446 PTEs, November 2005.
21. J. Gray Scrap Tire Site, Jackson County, 2,824 PTEs, December 2005.
22. C. Gray Scrap Tire Site, Belmont County, 4,337 PTEs, December 2005.
23. Bogie Scrap Tire Site, Warren County, 379 PTEs, May 2006.
24. Cloke Scrap Tire Site, Warren County, 490 PTEs, May 2006.
25. V. Bressler, Henry County, 1,134 PTEs, June 2006.
26. B. Bressler, Henry County, 1,993 PTEs, June 2006.
27. Emig Scrap Tire Site, Coshocton County, 1,175 PTEs, June 2006.
28. Bowers Scrap Tire Site, Coshocton County, 6,715 PTEs, June 2006.
29. Red Sea Scrap Tire Site, Coshocton County, ,204 PTEs, June 2006.
30. Crestline Auto Salvage, Richland County, estimated 173,000 PTEs, April to July 2006.